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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Official Communication dated February 13, 2003. Please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

In response to the Official Communication dated February 13, 2003, Applicant presents the following remarks in an effort to place the application in condition for allowance. Consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the present application.

35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Plonsky (U.S. Patent No. 5,049,857) in view of Herman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,406,262). In particular, the Examiner rejected independent claims 1 and 17 in view of Plonsky which the